

Service, after receiving testimony from Representatives Issa and Cummings; Patrick R. Donahoe, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, United States Postal Service; Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Cliff Guffey, American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.; Jeanette Dwyer, National Rural Letter Carriers' Association, and Robert Rapoza, National Association of Postmasters of the United States, both of Alexandria, Virginia; Joel Quadracci, Quad/Graphics, Inc., Sussex, Wisconsin; and R. Richard Geddes, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, Ithaca, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee;

H.R. 307, to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response;

S. 252, The Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early (PREEMIE) Act;

Also, committee adopted its rules during the 113th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Children and Families: Senators Hagan (Chair), Mikulski, Murray, Sanders, Casey, Franken, Bennet, Murphy, Warren, Enzi, Kirk, Burr, Isakson, Paul, Hatch, and Roberts.

Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety: Senators Casey (Chair), Murray, Franken, Bennet,

Whitehouse, Baldwin, Isakson, Paul, Hatch, and Scott.

Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging: Senators Sanders (Chair), Mikulski, Hagan, Whitehouse, Baldwin, Murphy, Warren, Burr, Roberts, Murkowski, Enzi, and Kirk.

Senators Harkin and Alexander are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine comprehensive immigration reform, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security; Jose Antonio Vargas, Define America, New York, New York; and Jessica M. Vaughan, Center for Immigration Studies, Steve Case, Revolution LLC, Chris Crane, American Federation of Government Employees, and Janet Murguia, National Council of La Raza, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kenneth John Gonzales, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, who was introduced by Senators Tom Udall and Heinrich, Michael J. McShane, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, who was introduced by Senators Wyden and Merkley, and Nitza I. Quinones Alejandro, Luis Felipe Restrepo, and Jeffrey L. Schmehl, all to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, who were introduced by Senators Casey and Toomey, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 58 public bills, H.R. 624–681; 1 private bill, H.R. 682; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 27–28; H. Con. Res. 13–14 and H. Res. 64–68 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 66, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 273) to eliminate the 2013 statutory pay ad-

justment for Federal employees, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–9).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Collins (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Archbishop Emeritus John Quinn, Diocese of San Francisco, San Francisco, California.

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Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Federal Disaster Assistance Nonprofit Fairness Act of 2013: H.R. 592, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to clarify that houses of worship are eligible for certain disaster relief and emergency assistance on terms equal to other eligible private nonprofit facilities, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 354 yeas to 72 nays, Roll No. 39. **Pages H465–80**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, February 12th:

Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013: H.R. 267, to improve hydropower, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 422 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 40. **Page H481**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 64, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H481**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—Appointment: The Chair announced that the Speaker’s appointment of members of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence on February 8, 2013 is made notwithstanding the requirement of clause 11(a)(4)(A) of rule X; and the Speaker’s appointment, pursuant to clause 11 of rule X, clause 11 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, and notwithstanding the requirement of clause 11(a)(1)(C) of rule X, of the following Members of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representatives Thompson (CA), Schakowsky, Langevin, Schiff, Gutierrez, Pastor (AZ), and Himes. Subsequently, the Chair additionally appointed Representative Sewell pursuant to a unanimous consent request. **Pages H497–98**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:13 p.m. and reconvened at 7:19 p.m. **Pages H497–98**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011 with respect to Libya is to continue in effect beyond February 25, 2013—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–9). **Page H488**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H479–80 and H481. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a business meeting to consider oversight plan of the Committee on Agriculture for the 113th Congress and other organizational matters. The Committee approved its Oversight Plan and Committee Rules for the 113th Congress.

IMPACTS OF A CONTINUING RESOLUTION AND SEQUESTRATION ON DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Impacts of a Continuing Resolution and Sequestration on Defense.” Testimony was heard from Ashton Carter, Deputy Secretary of Defense; General Martin Dempsey, USA, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Raymond T. Odierno, USA Chief of Staff, U. S. Army; Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, U. S. Navy; General James F. Amos, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, U. S. Marine Corps; and General Frank J. Grass, USARNG, Chief, National Guard Bureau.

PERSPECTIVES ON THE FUTURE NATIONAL SECURITY ENVIRONMENT: TECHNOLOGICAL, GEOPOLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TRENDS AFFECTING THE DEFENSE STRATEGIC GUIDANCE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “Perspectives on the Future National Security Environment: Technological, Geopolitical and Economic Trends Affecting the Defense Strategic Guidance”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE’S BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Congressional Budget Office’s Budget and Economic Outlook”. Testimony was heard from Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing entitled “The Future of the NLRB: What Noel Canning vs. NLRB Means for Workers, Employers, and Unions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INFLUENZA: PERSPECTIVE ON CURRENT SEASON AND UPDATE ON PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled